

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/765,526	BRESS ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS**. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 06/07/2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,10 and 11 (renumbered as 1-3).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is a response to the amendment filed on 06/07/2007, and a Terminal Disclaimer filed on 04/09/2007.

Claims 1, 3-9, 12-23 are canceled. Claims 2, 10-11 are amended.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 04/09/2007 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of PN 6,813,682 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Bress (The Inventor) on July 19, 2007.

In the Specification:

On page 1 and in the RELATED APPLICATIONS section, the Applicant indicates that the instant application is an improvement of U.S. Patent Application 09/961417, now U.S. Patent No. 6,813,682. Therefore, line 6 of the RELATED APPLICATIONS should be amended as follow:

line 6, insert -- now US PN. 6,813,682, -- after "2002,"

In the Amendment to the specification filed 06/07/2007:

Paragraph [0021], line 3 is unclear, therefore replace the entire line 3 with:

-- , 1124), embedded processor 330, and IDE drive interface 360 when hosts (1011, 1012,

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In the Claim section:

Claim 10, line 4, delete “the” before “dropped”.

Reasons For Allowance

4. The primary reasons for allowance of claim 2 in the instant application is the combination with the inclusion of at least the limitations set forth in lines 9-15 of claim 2. Because claims 10-11 depend directly on claim 2. These claims are considered allowable for at least the same reasons noted above.

Conclusion

5. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4191. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reginald Bragdon, can be reached on (571) 272-4204.

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